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SUBJ: 17TH GENERAL THAI-MALAYSIAN BORDER MEETING

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1. THE 17TH GENERAL THAI-MALAYSIAN BORDER COMMITTEE CONCLUDED ITS SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION IN BANGKOK NOVEMBER 17. THE THAI DEFENSE MINISTER, AIR CHIEF MARSHAL DAWE CHULLASAPYA, CHAIRED THE MEETING. THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS, TAN SRI MOHAMED GHAYALI, REPRESENTED MALAYSIA. DAWE ASSURED THE MALAYSIAN DELEGATION THAT THE NEW THAI GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE ITS CLOSE AND CORDIAL COOPERATION WITH THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT IN SUPPRESSING TERRORISTS ALONG THEIR COMMON BORDER.

2. THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED FOLLOWING THE MEETING REVIEWED EVENTS OF THE PAST SIX MONTHS. IT OBSERVED THAT COMMUNIST TERRORIST ATTACKS AGAINST INNOCENT CIVILIANS HAD RESULTED IN SIX DEATHS AND FOUR WOUNDED; AND NOTED THAT COORDINATED NAVAL PATROLS HAVE SERVED AS AN EFFECTIVE DETERRENT TO ATTEMPTS TO SMUGGLE ARMS AND PERSONNEL INTO BOTH COUNTRIES. EACH SIDE CLAIMED

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ITS SECURITY FORCES HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN SEEKING OUT

TERRORISTS AND RECOVERING SUPPLIES. FINALLY, THE
COMMITTEE DIRECTED JOINT SECURITY FORCES TO INTENSIFY
THEIR ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE CONTINUING THREAT FROM THE
TERRORISTS.

3. COMMENT: THE COMMUNIQUE OF THE 17TH MEETING
ECHOED MANY OF THE THOUGHTS OF THE 16TH HELD IN JUNE
1973. THE RHETORIC OF BOTH DOCUMENTS EXAGGERATES
ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT THE SCENE. WE HOPE TO HAVE A FULLER
ACCOUNT OF THE MEETING SOMETIME DURING THE CURRENT WEEK.
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